(c) whether the Planning Commission has approved the proposed Plan outlay for the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(d) whether the Ministry has moved to the Planning Commission for enhancement of Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) component in the total outlay since the third year of the Eleventh Plan is already in operation; and

(e) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) The outlay for the power sector for the 10th Five Year Plan was Rs.2,70,276.35 crore.

(b) and (c) The Planning Commission's Working Group on Power for the 11th Plan has assessed a total fund requirement for generation, transmission, distribution, R&M etc. of Rs. 10,59,515 crore (inclusive of private sector). However, the allocation as per the Eleventh Five Year Plan document approved by the National Development Council is Rs.5,54,766 crore (exclusive of private sector).

(d) and (e) At this stage, the Ministry of Power has not made any proposal for enhancement of Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) component in the total outlay for the 11th Plan.

Sanctioning of power projects

1772. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of power projects sanctioned in Phase-I of the Eleventh Five Year Plan; and

(b) the number of free connections given to BPL house-holds, so far, upto March, 2009?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) 327 projects have been sanctioned in Phase-I of 11th Five Year Plan under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY).

(b) Cumulatively, free electricity connections to 53,78,558 BPL households had been released under RGGVY upto 31st March, 2009.

National fund to curb T & D losses

1773. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Electricity Fund, to cut glaring transmission and distribution losses in country's power sector, is likely to become operational soon;

(b) whether Rs.2,72,000 crore is required to upgrade T & D system;

(c) if so, whether out of this Rs. 72,000 crore is proposed to be arranged by States from their own resources and from financial institutions;